



January 14, 2002

Atty. Reneta Hesse
Antitrust Division
Department of Justice
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Microsoft Case

Via Fax: 202-616-9937

Dear Attorney Hesse:

I am writing to express my support for the goal set forth in the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case.

As part of that settlement, Microsoft is proposing the donation of approximately 200,000 computers to public school students throughout the country. Recent research suggests that the digital divide that exists along economic lines have an adverse impact on students, schools and educational opportunity. Currently, 82% of schools in affluent communities are connected to the Internet. That number drops to 60% of the classrooms in poorer communities.

The New York Times recently reported that 88% of households whose income is \$75,000 or higher had a computer. This number drops dramatically for households with income below \$25,000. The need is documented and in my opinion can be partially remedied within this particular case settlement. Thus, my support of the specific goal of the settlement which will provide students and teachers within these lower income areas access to both technology and computers.

Our Biomedical industry is fueled by brainpower along with the technology "know how" to create life science products. This particular settlement agreement I believe goes a long way in helping us continue to accomplish this goal. Thank you for your careful review and hopeful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin O'Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin O'Sullivan
Vice President Development